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Art Unit: 3773

In re Application of DiPoto et al.  
Serial No. 10/686,063  
Petition filed: 01/24/2006  
For: Cannula for Receiving Surgical Instruments

### **DECISION ON PETITION**

This is a decision on petitioner's request filed January 24, 2006 to amend the names of the actual inventors pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.48.

In support of the request, petitioner has submitted a request to correct the inventorship that sets forth the desired inventorship change; a statement from each of the inventors being added as an inventor or deleted as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent on their part; a declaration by the actual inventors; a written consent of the assignee to correct the inventorship, with a copy of the originally submitted Assignment; and the required fee.

In view of the above, the petition to change inventorship has been **granted**.

In addition, attached is the initialized and signed "Information Disclosure Statement" (paper 3/9/2004) for your file record.

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